

Our work with each student continues every day. With more than 410 students, there is always lots to do! Jonathan Hernandez is an example of our success in changing troubled lives into lives with hope and dignity. Jonathan came to Los Patojos 10 years ago when he was 3 years old. His mother was murdered, and he now lives with his grandmother. Life is not easy as his grandmother cannot afford to feed Jonathan and his brother.

This is where our team steps in. The kitchen ensures that Jonathan and his brother have sufficient food morning, afternoon and evening. In return, Jonathan helps to serve lunches in the school and assists teachers with activities in their classrooms. He is studying in the 7th Grade in the afternoons. Dr. Valle and the clinic staff also watch out for Johnathon ensuring he gets assistance whenever he is sick, and monitor his health and nutrition. In his own words, Jonathan expresses his love for Los Patojos:



“Here I have grown up, my life has changed because here I can play soccer, participate in other sports, learn to draw, paint and perform juggling. I love to be in Los Patojos because after they murdered my mother, this was where I could be safe and feel happy.”



Photo above: Our high school/college students.

♥ THANK YOU ♥

Together with our generous donors, we are truly changing hundreds of lives in Guatemala forever. We thank you for your donations in the past and we hope that we can rely on your continuing support. We promise that every dollar donated to our charity goes to the children and projects. The directors pay all administrative, travel and other costs themselves.

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Photo above: Our new land for the high school in Jocotenango.

EXCITING NEWS!

Because of a generous donation by two of the directors of Give Kids A Chance, Bryan and Rosi Levman, we have purchased land to build a high school/college. The original school building was designed for primary students and is overflowing, it was designed for 250 students and we will have 435 in 2020.

For the last year we have been working with the partner associations of Los Patojos in the U.S.A., along with the staff at the school to determine how best to ensure the success of our senior students. Guatemala has a major employment crisis, only 35% of the labour force has formal employment. (USAID report). It is clear that we need to not only educate our students, but prepare them to get a job, become responsible employees and continually improve their skills to ensure that they have a stable future.

Our new school will be the first in the area to provide an education rich in practical skills, as well as continuing their involvement in the arts of music, dance and drawing and re-connect them to their own rich culture.

Our goal is to cultivate a well-rounded individual who can get and maintain employment while continuing his/her education at a post graduate level, and become one of the business and social leaders of the future.

In Guatemala it is quite common to attend university on the weekends while working during the week.

Should they qualify and wish to attend university, they will be able to do so. It is these very same students who will give back to the community and help Guatemala evolve into its rightful heritage.

